

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71B-2-19 Building Date: 1881 and 1911

Building Name: The First Bowie School

Location: 8310 Chestnut Avenue (west side), Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The first Bowie School is a large, five-bay, one-story frame school building, covered with green shingle. Entrance is in the fourth bay of the principal east facade, sheltered by a one-story hip-roof Tuscan porch across the entire east facade. The building stands on a high brick foundation. The hip roof has been rebuilt, and is presently covered with gray asbestos shingle.

Significance

The first Bowie School is a noticeable landmark in this nineteenth-century railroad town. Built in 1881, it was the first school building in the railroad junction town of Huntington/Bowie, which had been subdivided and developed beginning in 1870. In 1912, the frame schoolhouse was replaced by a larger two-story brick school building of Foursquare plan; this brick schoolhouse still stands several blocks north between 7th and 8th Streets. Soon after the brick schoolhouse opened in 1912, the old frame schoolhouse was closed, and the roof was rebuilt. It was sold by the Board of County School Commissioners, and converted into a dwelling; it has served that purpose since that time.

Acreage: 7,500 Square feet

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic FIRST Bowie
Schoolhouse

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 8310 Chestnut Avenue not for publication

city, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>district</u>	<u>public</u>	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>agriculture</u> <u>museum</u>
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>unoccupied</u>	<u>commercial</u> <u>park</u>
<u>structure</u>	<u>both</u>	<u>work in progress</u>	<u>educational</u> <u>X</u> private residence
<u>site</u>	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u>entertainment</u> <u>religious</u>
<u>object</u>	<u>in process</u>	<u>yes: restricted</u>	<u>government</u> <u>scientific</u>
	<u>being considered</u>	<u>yes: unrestricted</u>	<u>industrial</u> <u>transportation</u>
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u>military</u> <u>other:</u>

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mary Thackeray & Katherine Ryon

street & number 8306 Chestnut Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Bowie state and zip code MD 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Court House liber 5147

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 466

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date _____ _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent

☒ good

☐ fair

☐ deteriorated

☐ ruins

☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered

☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1881, 1912

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Prince George's County Deeds, Plats, Tax Assessments; Federal Census records for Prince George's County, 1880, 1900, 1910; Huntington Prospectus, 1870.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 7500 sq ft

Tax Map 29, Block E, Lots 22-24

Quadrangle name Laurel IQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

TAX Acct #14-0281100

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Commission date June 1992

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city or town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

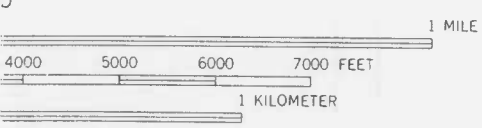
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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20 FEET
LEVEL

PG# 71B-2-19
First Bowe Schoolhouse
Bowie
Prince George's County
Laurel Quadrangle

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Light-duty
Unimproved dirt

Route State Route
Interstate Route

LAUREL, MD.
SE/4 LAUREL 15' QUADRANGLE
N3900—W7645/7.5

1965
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5662 III SE—SERIES V833

AP ACCURACY STANDARDS
Y, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST



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First Bxer Schoolhouse
8310 Chestnut Ave., Bessemer
Pa. Co.

Susan L. Pearl

November 1991

East Jacade



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Loretta Boore Schallhouse
8310 Chestnut Ave., Boore, Pa. Co.
Susan L. Paul
November 1991
Prelease 3/4 election